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URBAN DISTRICT.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE


Medical Officer of Health

FOR

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URBAN DISTRICT OF GRASMERE.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Grasmere.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report for the year 1921, prepared in accordance with your instructions and those of the Ministry of Health.

Last year I expressed the hope that the Census of 1921, would facilitate the correct compilation of Statistics and Rates, but the circumstances under which this had to be taken leaves considerable doubt as to whether the figures arrived at represent the normal local population.

I wish to express my indebtedness to your Officials for their continued courtesies, put especially to the Sanitary Inspector for his excellent services and for his assistance in much of the statistical portion of this report.

The members of the Medical Profession have afforded me much help in my general duties, and my heartiest thanks are offered to them.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. B. COCKILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

March 27th, 1922.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year ended December 31st, 1921.

I. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	...	...	...	...	7,333
Population (Census 1921)	...	...	...	...	1,173
Number of inhabited houses (Census 1921)	} Not available.				
Number of families, or separate occupiers (Census 1921)					
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£7,856	10 0
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£32	14 8

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Births (Legitimate)	... 1	... 5	... 6
.. Illegitimate)	... —	... —	... —
Birth Rate (R.G.)	... 7.		
Deaths	... ..	... ..	... 4
Death Rate (R.G.)	... 4.8.		
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :—			
From Sepsis	... ..	... ..	... 0
,, Other causes	... ..	... ..	... 0
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births :—			
Legitimate	... ..	... ..	... 0
Illegitimate	... ..	... ..	... 0
			—
Total	...	...	... 0
			—

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	... ..	... 0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)	... ..	... 0
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	... ..	... 0

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year.

There were no cases of deaths from Tuberculosis where the disease had not previously been notified.

The notification of all known cases of Tuberculosis has invariably been carried out.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum	... Nil.
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Birth-rate, Death-rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1921.

	BIRTH-RATE PER 1,000 TOTAL POPULA- TION.	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.									RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS.		PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS.			
		All Causes.	Enteric Fever.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Violence.	Diarrhea and Enteritis (under 2 years).	Total Deaths under One Year.	Deaths in Public Institutions.	Certified Causes of Death.	Inquest Cases.	Uncertified Causes of Death.
England and Wales ...	22·4	12·1	0·02	0·00	0·06	0·03	0·12	0·12	0·23	0·44	15·5	83	25·5	92·5	6·4	1·1
96 Great Towns, including London (1911 Census Popu- lations exceeding 50,000).	23·3	12·3	0·01	0·00	0·08	0·04	0·13	0·15	0·23	0·40	19·3	87	33·2	92·5	6·8	0·7
148 Smaller Towns (1911 Census Populations 20,000 —50,000)	22·7	11·3	0·01	0·00	0·05	0·03	0·11	0·11	0·26	0·35	15·6	84	17·7	93·5	5·1	1·4
London	22·3	12·4	0·01	0·00	0·05	0·06	0·12	0·25	0·23	0·42	21·3	80	49·2	91·6	8·2	0·2

1871-1872

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation
John Smith	25	Male	Farmer
Mary Smith	22	Female	Homemaker
James Smith	18	Male	Student

3.—Notifiable Diseases

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4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There have been no specially noteworthy causes of Sickness or Invalidity in the District.

5. SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT.

Professional Nursing in the Home :—

(a) General ... District Nursing Association.

(b) Infectious Disease, e.g.,
Measles, etc. ... „ „ „

District Nursing Associations are voluntary organisations receiving grants in aid from the County Council.

Midwives.

There are no practising Midwives in the District.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Tuberculosis Dispensary at Kendal.

Travelling School, Dental Clinic.

Hospital.	Situation.	Accommodation.
Tuberculosis ...	Meathop, Grange-over-Sands	... 150 Beds.
Maternity and Children ...	Nil.	
Fever ...	Isolation Hospital, Grasmere	... 6 Beds.
Small-pox ...	Woodside, Nr. Kendal	... 50 Beds.
Ethel Hedley Hospital School (Orthopædic) ...	Calgarth, Windermere	... 30 Beds.
Venereal Disease ...	North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.	

The Westmorland County Hospital contains 50 beds, available for all Non-infectious Medical, Surgical, and abnormal Midwifery cases. It is supported by voluntary contributions.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, &c.

St. Monica's Maternity Home, under the control of the Carlisle Diocesan Maternity Committee.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) Infectious cases—Horse Ambulance.
 (b) Non-Infectious cases—St. John Ambulance Brigade.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

The Combined Districts of Westmorland have provided Laboratories at Kendal, to which any Practitioner may send specimens for examination. Sputum is also examined at Meathop Sanatorium.

The following have been done for Grasmere :—

Diphtheria	...	...	...	1
Water Deposit	...	...	...	1
Water Analysis	...	...	...	1
Total ...				3

Diphtheria Antitoxin is issued free for the treatment of all necessitous cases, excepting patients under the National Health Insurance Act; also for both necessitous and insured persons for prophylactic purposes.

7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

List of Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws and Local Regulations.

<i>Adoptive Acts.</i>			Adopted.
Part III. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890	...	...	1891
Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890	...	...	1891
<i>Bye-laws.</i>			
Cemeteries	...	...	1899
Prevention of Nuisances	...	...	1901
Cleansing of Footways, Pavements and Removal of Refuse	...	...	1901
Slaughter-houses	...	...	1901
New Streets and Buildings	...	...	1901
Regulations under Section 13 Dairies, Cowsheds and and Milkshops Order	...	...	1907

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

Inspections.

These have been regularly carried out and the following nuisances discovered and abated :—

Defective Drains	...	...	...	9
Defective Cesspools	...	...	...	8
Defective Roofs and Spouts	...	...	...	2
Total ...				<hr/> 19 <hr/>

No statutory notices, but 19 informal notices have been served.

Closet Accommodation.

Water Closets	...	...	...	234
Privies	...	...	...	142
Total ...				<hr/> 376 <hr/>

There have been 4 conversions of Privies into Water Closets during the year.

Regular inspection of Slaughter-houses, Dairies and Cow-sheds, Butchers' Shops and Bakehouses has been made, and the sanitary condition of all premises where food is prepared, stored, or exposed for sale, is good.

There is 1 private Slaughter-house, which has been efficiently maintained.

Disinfection with formalin is carried out after all infectious cases, and bedding, clothing, etc., is disinfected when required in the steam disinfectant at Windermere Isolation Hospital.

No facilities for disinfection exist.

Communication was made to all retailers of shaving brushes drawing attention to the possibility of Anthrax infection from this source.

A pamphlet on Encephalitis Lethargica was supplied to all Medical Practitioners,

8. STAFF.

Name.	Qualification.	Offices.	Whole or Part Time.	Other Offices.	Salary contributed under P.H.A. or Exchequer Grants
W. B. Cockill	M.D., etc. D.P.H.	M.O.H.	Part	M O.H. Combined Districts Westmorland	Yes
A. F. Fildes	M.I.M.C.E.	Inspector of Nuisances	Part	Surveyor	Yes

9. HOUSING.

Number of new Houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total	...	...	...	...	1
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme	...	...	...	...	Nil.

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

Inspection.

- (1) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 19
- (2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ... Nil.
- (3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil.
- (4) Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... Nil.

2.—*Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices.*

Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... Nil,